

# United States Air Force Auxiliary

## Minnesota Wing, Civil Air Patrol



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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **CAP members to Rejuvenate at Breezy Point Meeting**

**St Paul, MN**—Over 300 Civil Air Patrol members are expected in Breezy Point for the 55<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Wing Conference, May 3-5 at the Breezy Point Resort.

The theme of this year's program is "Positioned for the Future –2002: Rejuvenation."

Each year, Minnesota Wing's annual conference is held, members from all over Minnesota come together for 3 days of learning, recognition and fun.

To help members prepare for the upcoming challenges in their organization, CAP offers workshops, one on one contact and the Specialty Fair. The Fair is designed to provide up-to-date information and knowledge about programs. The seminars and fair will discuss topics related to CAP missions - aerospace education, cadet programs, emergency services – and administration of other programs.

"We want all attendees to leave motivated and excited about their service in CAP," said Col Dale Hoium, the Minnesota Wing Commander.

Saturday night members and their families attend the Annual Wing Banquet where members are recognized for their hard work and support of Civil Air Patrol. Among the awards to be presented will be the Unit of the Year, Cadet and Senior Members of the Year, awards for excellence and achievement and many others.

A highlight will be the Presentation of the Lt General Ira C. Eaker Award to Cadet Lt Col Keelan Diehl of Little Falls. This is one CAP's highest achievement for cadets. Major General Doyle Larson, USAF Retired will present Cadet Lt Col Diehl with the award during a ceremony at the Banquet. This award signifies the completion of the 16 achievements of the CAP Cadet Program.

Cadet Diehl is a member of Crow Wing Composite Squadron, based in Brainerd. The squadron meets on Monday nights at Brainerd Airport.

After the banquet and awards program is the formal Annual Military Ball. On Sunday there are more meetings and training opportunities for CAP members as well as a CAP Commander's Meeting.

Media representatives should register at the conference Command Post, which will be located in Breezy Point Conference Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor off the main entrance.